

Prevention Redesign Initiative



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Orting, Washington

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Demographic Information: This community encompasses the small rural town of Orting, nestled in the foothills of Mt. Rainier 20 miles southeast of Tacoma, and Prairie Ridge-Bonney Lake/South Prairie and Deer Run-Graham neighborhoods that covers 137 square miles of rural Pierce County. Orting School District serves 8,974 people with 3,880 in the 0-17 age group. Median age is 34 among 2748 households with an average household size of 2.8. OSPI's Oct. 2010 Orting School District's Student Enrollment of 2297 students includes: American Indian/Alaskan Native 1.7%, Asian 0.8%, Pacific Islander 0.5%, Black 0.8%, Hispanic 11.9%, White 78.5%, and two or more races 7.0%.

Organizational Overview: Orting Standing Together on Prevention (OSTOP) is a collaborative network of individuals and organizations that possess a deep commitment to the health and welfare of students and a passion in working to reduce substance abuse in Orting and Greater Pierce County. The Orting School District is an important community partner and member of OSTOP. The coalition operates through the assistance of several sub-committees including: Community Norms, Media, Sustainability, Access & Availability, and Student Leadership. Volunteers play an important role in the OSTOP coalition.

Previous Successes in Prevention Initiatives: Recent Orting survey and focus group data indicate a growing trend in the use of prescription drugs both in Washington State and in Orting. Therefore, the coalition is working to reduce access to and availability of these drugs by collaborating with the Orting Police Department to implement a Prescription Drug Drop Box. The Party Intervention Patrol (PIP) is a multi-jurisdictional initiative designed to prevent and reduce underage drinking by interrupting parties where youth are drinking alcohol. Law enforcement agencies such as Orting, Bonney Lake, Fife, Puyallup, Sumner, the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and more comprise a key part of the PIP team. Coalition members comprise the rest of the team and coordinate and operate the PIP Processing Center. The Suicide Prevention Team is in its 11th year while being recognized for conducting the best suicide prevention program in a school of fewer than 1000 students in Washington State by Youth Suicide Prevention Program (YSPP).

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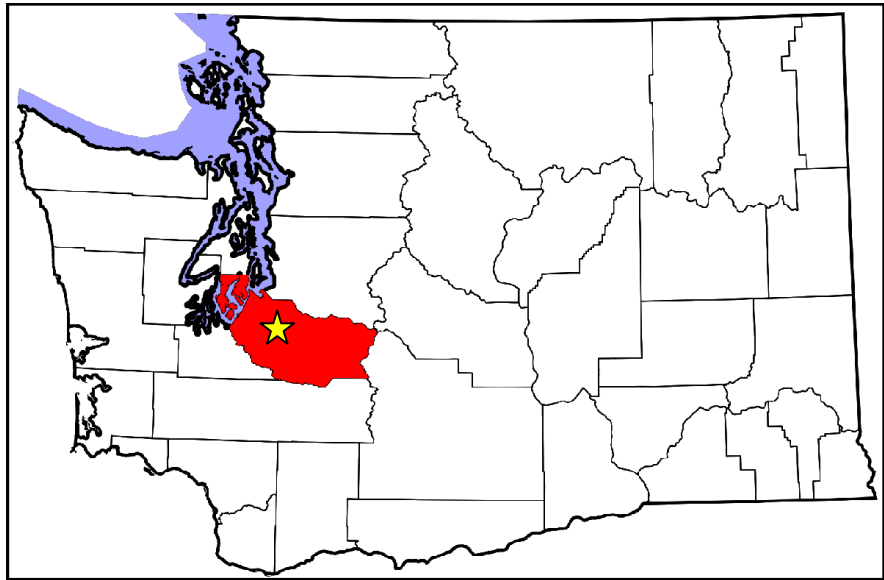
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Pierce County, Washington



Brief Community Profile

Highlights of Local Problems: Local marketing continues to target the young, contributing to the perception that alcohol and tobacco are culturally acceptable and readily available.

Summary of Prevention Program: OSTOP has two primary goals to reduce drug use and underage drinking: 1) To reduce youth access and availability to prescription drugs and alcohol, and 2) To change community norms favorable to the use of these substances among youth. We will reach these goals by collaborating with key community stakeholders to implement evidence-based prevention practices, support effective school policy, advocate for a city social host ordinance, and educate youth and parents about the consequences of abusing alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Orting School District makes possible numerous evidence-based prevention practices:

- Great Body Shop: a nationally recognized, comprehensive health and substance abuse prevention program.
- Life Skills Training: helps students develop skills that enhance self-esteem, develop problem-solving abilities, reduce stress and anxiety, and manage anger.
- Not on Tobacco: A total-health approach that offers advice on healthy behaviors, stress management, and life skills.

How progress will be measured: Progress will be measured through academic achievement, bonding to family and community, reduction in 30 day alcohol, tobacco and drug use rates, and coalition surveys.

Anticipated challenges and resolutions: Goals include improving communication among systems and sharing resources.

Our Mission and Vision:

Orting Standing Together on Prevention is focused on reducing alcohol and drug abuse among our youth. Our mission is to educate and mobilize the community in reducing substance abuse among our youth, so they may thrive and reach their full potential in a safe and healthy environment.

General Statistics

Community: Orting

Population: 6746

Zoning Rural

Ethnic Diversity

Nat. Am.	1.4%
Asian	1.3%
Pacific Islander	0.5%
Black	1.5%
Hispanic	7.2%
White	87.9%

Median Household Income: \$56,429

Coalition Founded: 2007